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SUMMARY: WE OFFER FOR WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION SOME
TENTATIVE IDEAS ON PROVIDING CONVENIENT AND RESPONSIVE
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES TASK FORCES
AND US AUTHORITIES AND ON ADVANCING TO TASK FORCE DIRECTORS
FULLY COORDINATED US POSITIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN APPROVING THE TERMS OF REFERENCE (TOR) FOR THE TASK
FORCES WORKING ON THE NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES, THE
EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) AUTHORIZED TASK FORCES TO
MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH NATIONAL AUTHORITIES AND TO
SOLICIT DIRECTLY INFORMATION ON NATIONAL PROGRAMS AND ON
NATIONAL VIEWS CONCERNING THE LONG TERM NATO PROGRAMS. WE
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FULLY SUPPORT THIS EFFORT TO AVOID PONDEROUSNESS AND
UNNECESSARY DELAY IN PRESSING ON WITH THE WORK OF THE TASK
FORCES, BUT WE ALSO BELIEVE THAT EXCESSIVE FREE-STYLE RISKS
CREATING DANGEROUS DISCONNECTS. THIS COULD HAVE A
PARTICULARLY REGRETTABLE EFFECT AT USNATO, WHERE WE WILL
BE EXPLAINING AND PROMOTING US POSITIONS AT THE CRITICAL
EWG HELM. UNLESS WE ARE FULLY INFORMED ON ALL SIGNIFICANT

US ACTIONS BEARING ON THE NATO DEFENSE INITIATIVES, WE
COULD FIND OURSELVES WORKING AT CROSS PURPOSES WITH OTHER
US AGENCES.

2. TRYING TO FIND A MIDDLE GROUND BETWEEN THE EXTREMES OF
INHIBITORY FORMALITY AND RISKY FREE-STYLE WILL NOT BE
EASY, BUT WE THINK THE ATTEMPT SHOULD BE MADE SOON, LEST
INADEQUATELY COORDINATED ACTIONS ALONG MULTIPLE CHANNELS
OF COMMUNICATION BEGIN PERHAPS TO DRIVE EVENTS IRRETRIEVABLY
WE ARE OF COURSE NOT IN POSITION TO SUGGEST HOW WASHINGTON
MIGHT BEST GO ABOUT INTERNALLY COORDINATING SUBMISSIONS
FROM US PROGRAM GROUPS TO CORRESPONDING NATO TASK FORCES.
WE ARE, HOWEVER, CONVINCED THAT USNATO, WHICH REPRESENTS
THE US GOVERNMENT IN NATO AND WHICH EXPRESSLY PROVIDES
THE US REPRESENTATION ON THE LINCHPIN EWG, MUST NOT BE
BYPASSED IF IT IS TO DISCHARGE ITS SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY
FOR PROMOTING THE SUCCESS OF THE NATO INITIATIVES.

3. WE THEREFORE PROPOSE THAT EARLY DRAFTS OF ALL PROPOSED
MAJOR US INPUTS TO ALL NATO TASK FORCES BE PROVIDED FIRST
TO USNATO FOR COMMENT. WE ALSO PROPOSE THAT, WHEN SUCH
INPUTS REACH FINAL FORM, USNATO BE THE CONDUIT FOR PASSING
THEM TO ALL TASK FORCES EXCEPT THE TWO AT ACLANT HEAD-
QUARTERS (REINFORCEMENT AND MARITIME), WHICH WASHINGTON IS
BETTER SITUATED GEOGRAPHICALLY TO PASS.

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4. THE ARRANGEMENT PROPOSED IN PARA 3 NEED NOT AND SHOULD
NOT INTERFERE WITH SUCH AD HOC INFORMAL CONTACTS AS NATO
TASK FORCE DIRECTORS MAY WISH TO ESTABLISH WITH CORRES-
PONDING US PROGRAM GROUPS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACQUIRING
DATA AND OTHER NON-POLICY-RELEVANT INFORMATION OR ASSIS-
TANCE. WHEN, HOWEVER, MAJOR US INPUTS AND OTHER POLICY-
RELEVANT SUBMISSIONS ARE INVOLVED, WE DO RECOMMEND THAT
THIS MISSION PLAY A COORDINATIVE ROLE OF THE KIND PROPOSED
IN PARA 3. BENNETT

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